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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THAILAND FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The horses must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must supply the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information must include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is free of African Horse Sickness, Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis, Epizootic Lymphangitis, Trypanosomiasis (*T. evansi*), Dourine, Glanders, Contagious Equine Metritis, Borna Disease, and Hendra Virus.
2. The horses originate from premises clinically free of Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis for at least 6 months and have not been on any premises where clinical cases of Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis have been diagnosed during the last 12 months.
3. All animals on the premises of origin as well those within 25 kilometers of such premises have been free of clinical signs of Anthrax, Equine Infectious Anemia, Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA), Equine Rhinopneumonitis, Rabies, Equine Influenza, Equine Paratyphoid, Equine Coital Exanthema, Equine Piroplasmiasis, Horse Pox, and Mange during the last 12 months prior to export.
4. The horses originate from a State that has been free of Vesicular Stomatitis for the last 12 months.
5. The horses have been in a USDA-approved export isolation facility for at least 30 days prior to export.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

During USDA-approved export isolation, the horses must be tested for the following diseases, with the indicated results:

1. Equine Infectious Anemia: Negative by agar-gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test
2. Equine Piroplasmiasis: Negative for agent identification by blood smear
3. Equine Viral Arteritis: Negative by serum neutralization (SN) test at a 1:4 dilution OR no significant rise in titer on two SN tests conducted at least 15 days apart.

4. Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis: No significant rise in titer on two hemagglutination inhibition tests or two complement fixation tests conducted at least 15 days apart.

NOTE: In these instances, a significant rise in titer is any increase in titer that is four-fold or greater.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The ship or aircraft carrying the horses may only call at approved intermediate ports after leaving the United States.
2. No other animals may be taken aboard the ship or aircraft after it has left the United States. The horses must not come in contact with animals of dissimilar health status during transit or transshipment.
3. No fodder or other animal feed may be taken aboard the ship or aircraft at any intermediate port after it has left the United States.
4. Pedigree certificates must accompany the horses.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian must attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

NOTICE TO IMPORTERS

1. Upon arrival, the horses will be subjected to quarantine at approved premises for a period of not less than 30 days, during which they will be tested or treated as deemed necessary. The owner/importer will be fully charged for the expenses incurred.
2. Failure to follow the import procedures may result in destruction of the horses without compensation.